

VERNA TRUSHEL DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS' SCHOLARSHIP

2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Verna Trushel Displaced Homemakers' Scholarship was established in 1987 to assist persons forced to seek paid employment to support themselves and their dependents. By definition, a displaced homemaker is someone who:

- has not worked in the labor force for a substantial number of years, but has worked in the home providing unpaid services for family members, or
- has been dependent on public assistance or on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income, or
- is receiving public assistance due to having dependent children in the home, especially where such assistance will soon be terminated, and
- is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

This particular scholarship is provided to support the displaced homemaker who desires to enhance employment opportunities by completing academic coursework. An individual may be seeking compensated employment for the first time or after years of being primarily a homemaker. Financial restrictions are often a substantial hurdle facing individuals confronted with this career change. The scholarship provides funds to help make the transition possible.

Candidates must have completed 30 undergraduate credit hours applicable toward graduation at an accredited institution of higher education by the end of Fall semester 2025, earned at least a 2.2 grade point average, and must be currently enrolled for the following Fall semester at The University of Akron. Selection is done on the basis of a written application, which includes a statement of educational plan and career goals, a resume, and three reference letters. Funds may be used for tuition and educational expenses.

A committee selected for their expertise regarding the needs of a displaced homemaker, and with the counsel of The University of Akron's Student Financial Aid Office, awards these funds. UA Adult Focus is in charge of administering the Verna Trushel Displaced Homemakers' Scholarship, acting with the guidance of the advisory committee.

The deadline for submitting applications and letters of reference is **April 6th, 2026.**

VERNA TRUSHEL DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS' SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Social Security Number _____ Student ID Number _____

E-mail Address (**University only**) _____

Major _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

PLEASE INCLUDE A CURRENT RESUME WITH THIS APPLICATION

Currently: Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ Grad. _____

Total credit hours completed at the end of the Fall semester 2025 _____

Status: Full-time _____ Part-time _____ Co-op _____ Not enrolled _____

Current Semester: Fall _____ Spring _____ Summer I _____ Summer II _____

Grade Point Average: Fall 2025 _____ Cumulative _____

Previous University of Akron Scholarships _____ Amount _____

Previous VTDH Scholarship(s) _____ Amount _____

Number of Dependents _____ Ages _____

Other degrees earned: (if applicable)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	DEGREE	DATE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List three current references and have each send a letter to the UA Adult Focus, The University of Akron, Polsky Building 467, Akron, Ohio 44325-4110 or emailed to adultfocus@uakron.edu . Suggested reference persons: academic instructor; character (personal); present or former employer; or volunteer supervisor.

NAME	POSITION	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION MATERIALS AND FOR RECEIPT OF
THREE REFERENCE LETTERS IS April 6th, 2026.**

Thoughtfully respond to all items:

1. Explain how you fit the definition of a “displaced homemaker” described on page 1.

2. Describe your work history, including volunteer activities.

3. What is your current educational plan? How does it relate to your career goals? When do you expect to complete your degree?

4. What do you see as the greatest obstacle which may stand in the way of reaching your goals? How do you plan to deal with this obstacle?

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Needs Analysis Form 2026 - 2027

1. Student ID number _____
2. Current marital status _____
3. Date of birth _____
4. Total number of applicant's dependents
(excluding yourself) _____
5. Number of applicant's dependents in college
(excluding yourself) _____
6. 2025 total income _____
 - a. Income earned from work _____
 - b. Untaxed income _____
 - c. Other income _____
7. Cash, savings, checking accounts _____
8. Home purchase price (if owned) _____
 - a. Current value _____
 - b. Unpaid mortgage _____
9. Monthly rent or mortgage payment _____
10. Monthly child or elder care costs _____
 - a. For how many children _____
 - b. For how many senior citizens _____

I CERTIFY THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.

Name _____ Date _____

PLEASE BE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE.

- ✓ Include a current resume with application.
- ✓ Be certain that there are three current letters of reference to turn in with your application.
- ✓ All items must be answered or the committee will not be able to review the application.
- ✓ All applicants must file a financial aid form (FAFSA) with the Student Financial Aid Office, Simmons Hall, (330) 972-7032.
- ✓ Only complete applications will be accepted.
- ✓ **Applications are DUE Monday April 6th, 2026, by 5:00 P.M.**

Please forward this application and all materials to:

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THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
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